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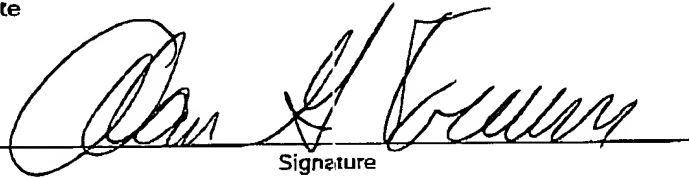
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MEIR S. SACKS ET AL. : COMPOSITION AND METHODS
Serial No.: 09/653,794 : FOR TREATING SEXUAL
Filed: September 1, 2000 : DYSFUNCTION
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RESPONSE

March 19, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 19 2001.

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending in the application. Non-elected Claims 26-32 have been withdrawn from consideration.

The Office Action indicates that this is a Final Action. However, since this is the first Office Action on the merits, Applicants respectfully submit that the "final" status of the Office Action should be withdrawn, and the following remarks should be considered.

Claims 1-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly being unpatentable over Duckett et al. '824 in combination with Hechtman '753 by itself or in further combination with Wysor '002. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Duckett et al. '824 is cited as disclosing compositions containing L-arginine and ginseng for treating sexual dysfunction. The two are said to work synergistically to stimulate NO release and sustain smooth muscle relaxation. (See Duckett abstract and col. 3, line 65 through column 4, line 56). The Office Action concedes that Duckett et al. '824 fails to teach